

# THE NATIONAL HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

for

The Right Reverend Warren Samuel Wilson  
Church of God in Christ  
Jurisdictional Bishop  
California Valley Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



*Wednesday, the twentieth of November*  
*At twelve o'clock noon*  
*Two Thousand Two*  
*Anno Domini*

*Fresno Convention Center*  
*700 M Street*  
*Fresno, California 93701*

His Grace, THE RIGHT REVEREND GILBERT EARL PATTERSON  
Church Of God In Christ  
Presiding Bishop  
Chief Officiant



# “SERVANT OF GOD, WELL DONE!”



**BISHOP WARREN SAMUEL WILSON**

*Yours was a useful life, you wrought well while here;  
 You were generous with your time, as you toiled from year to year.  
 Many lives you did touch, always doing your part;  
 A God to serve when called upon, with a kind and humble heart.  
 Your life was dedicated to things of God both noble and true;  
 It was not task for you to work, there was nothing you couldn't do.  
 You will never be forgotten, though you've passed away;  
 The things you left behind will live on each day.  
 We don't want to give you up, but sleep on, take your rest;  
 The act of God we dare not question, for He alone knows best.*

## QUIET MOMENTS.....The Organist

*Note: (\*) Where indicated, the congregation will please stand*

### THE PROCESSIONAL

*The Adjutant  
 \*THE PRESIDING BISHOP  
 The Assistant Presiding Bishops  
 The General Board  
 The Bishops  
 The Jurisdictional Pastors, Elders and Visiting Clergy  
 The Family*

*The Sealing of the Bier*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....The Bishop

*\*THE HYMN OF COMFORT.....The Choir and Congregation  
 "We'll Understand It Better By and By"*

*\*THE INVOCATION.....The Bishop*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 40:28-31**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE.....The Choir**  
*"And In Jesus, I'm Safe Evermore"*

**THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*\*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH.....The Bishop*

**The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING THE BIBLE**  
*We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.*

**The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING GOD**  
*We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost.*

**The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING THE CHURCH**  
*We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.*

**The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SIN**  
*We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

**The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SALVATION**  
*We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.*

**The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING CHRIST**  
*We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.*

**The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING THE HOLY GHOST**  
*We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.*

**The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SANCTIFICATION**  
*We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world.*

AMEN

## THE SELECTION.....The California Valley Jurisdictional Mass Choir

### THE TRIBUTES (3 Minutes)

*The Board of Bishops.....The Bishop L. T. Walker  
 Chairman  
 The General Assembly.....The Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr.  
 Chairman  
 The Women's Department.....Mother Willie Mae Rivers  
 International Department of Women  
 The General Church.....Elder A. Z. Hall  
 General Secretary  
 The General Board.....The Bishop W. Wyatt Hamilton  
 Secretary*

## THE SELECTION.....The California Valley Jurisdictional Mass Choir

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

**THE SERMONIC HYMN.....The Choir and Congregation**  
*"Amazing Grace"*

**THE EULOGY.....The Most Reverend Gilbert Earl Patterson**  
*Church of God in Christ  
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### \*THE RECESSIONAL

#### THE PRESIDIUM

**THE MOST REVEREND GILBERT EARL PATTERSON**  
*Presiding Bishop*

**The Bishop Charles Edward Blake**

*First Assistant Presiding Bishop*

**The Bishop J. Neaul Haynes**

*Second Assistant Presiding Bishop*

**The Bishop W. Wyatt Hamilton**

*Secretary*

**The Bishop Roy Lawrence Hailey Winbush**

*Assistant Secretary*

**The Bishop Chandler David Owens**

*Past Presiding Bishop*

**The Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks**

**The Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr.**

**The Bishop LeRoy Anderson**

**The Bishop Levi E. Willis, Sr.**

**The Bishop George Dallas McKinney**

**The Bishop Nathaniel W. Wells, Jr.**

**The Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr.**

*Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, Emeritus*

#### THE INTERNMENT

*Wednesday, November 20, 2002*

*Belmont Memorial Park*

### FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

*Jesse E. Cooley, Jr., Funeral Services*

*Fresno, California*

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*The Board of Bishops*

*Church of God in Christ*

### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

*Superintendents, Pastors, and Elders*

*California Valley Jurisdiction*



**-THE OBITUARY-**

**BISHOP WARREN SAMUEL WILSON**

**May 15, 1927 - November 12, 2002**

Bishop W. S. Wilson was born to the late Brother Charlie P. Wilson and Sister Warnie Hart Wilson on May 15, 1927, in Hackley, Louisiana. He was the second child of 14 siblings. He accepted Christ at a young age under the leadership of Elder Monroe Magee and State Bishop W. K. Gordon. He received his primary education at Star Creek School until the age of 15, when he left to join the U. S. Navy. He served from 1942 to 1946. Bishop Wilson married Missionary Lillie Pearl Harvey in 1949, from this union a daughter was born, Barbara La Joyce Wilson. Barbara was blessed to give Bishop Wilson two granddaughters, Audrey and Natalie, whom he loved, cherished, and adored.

As a young boy, Bishop Wilson joined the 4H Club, the club formed to teach young boys to farm. He raised a white face bull, which he entered at the State Fair and won second prize. He also raised a pig that grew to be a large hog, which he butchered with the guidance of his instructor according to the 4H Club guidelines in order to receive an "A" grade. He planted corn and nourished it with mother natures help, to have a healthy and prosperous crop. Bishop Wilson was also a "GREAT FISHERMAN" (ask Superintendent Smith from Madera, CA). He grew to love fishing as a child (OH HOW HE LOVED TO FISH). He was a fisherman who always came home with a chest full of fish for his daughter Barbara to clean.

Bishop Wilson received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1950; Doctorate of Divinity, Moody College, Chicago, Illinois, 1952; and Doctorate of Divinity (Honoree), Trinity Hall College and Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, 1975. He was a Member of NAACP (life) and listed in the Who's Who in America, 1995, 49<sup>th</sup> Edition.

In 1952, the Lord called Bishop Wilson to preach His Word to His people. In March 1962, the Lord sent Bishop Wilson to Fresno, California to continue preaching his Word. In 1963, Elder H. Y. Rogers appointed Bishop Wilson to Pastor at Immanuel Church Of God In Christ. In 1970, Bishop Wilson moved his whole congregation to Fresno Temple Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Wilson had no idea that one day he would become the Jurisdictional Bishop for the California Valley, nor what challenges he would face.

God blessed the people in the California Valley with a visionary, faithful leader and overseer. In 1972, Bishop Wilson was crowned Bishop by the late Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr.. Fresno Temple Church Of God In Christ became the California Valley Jurisdiction Headquarters. The Jurisdiction grew to more than forty churches from Stockton, California to Arvin, California, with twelve appointed District Superintendents and District Missionaries. Bishop Wilson faithfully served the California Valley Jurisdiction for thirty-two years. He was a "GREAT GIANT" in this Church and his family. **THE FIRST AND ONLY STATE BISHOP.** Bishop Wilson ran as a General Board Candidate in November 2000.

Bishop Wilson was a faithful servant who worked to fulfill God's work along with his vision and dreams, which is fulfilled each time auxiliaries meet, prayer is held, a revival is conducted, and a soul is saved. The dream came true when unity and harmony prevailed during the Jurisdictions years of growth and development. Bishop Wilson leaves a legacy that will challenge the California Jurisdiction to go higher, stay strong, **TRUST IN GOD**, continue to be faithful, and continue their work in Christ with love.

**We'll Understand It Better By and By**

Arr. R. E. Winsett

1. Here we're of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time.  
 2. We are of - ten des - ti - tute of the things that life de - mands.  
 3. Tri - als hard on ev - ry hand, and we can - not un - der - stand  
 4. Here temp - ta - tion's hid - den snare of - ten takes us un - a - ware,

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 All the ways that God will lead us to that bless - ed prom - ised land;  
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In that land of per - fect day, when the mist is rolled a - way,  
 But we're trust - ing in the Lord, and ac - cord - ing to His word,  
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 And we won - der why the test when we try to do our best,

**FINE CHORUS**

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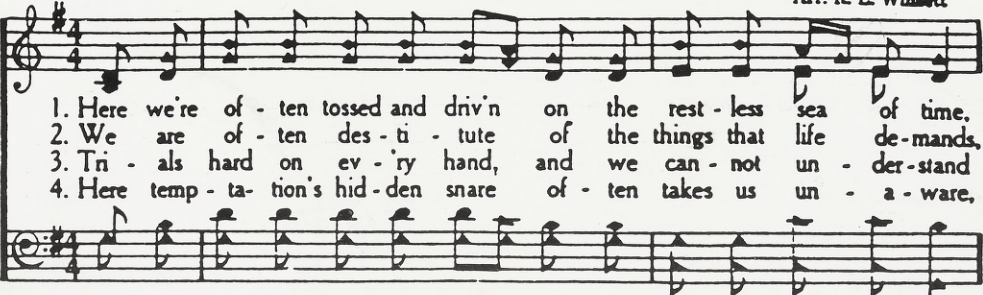
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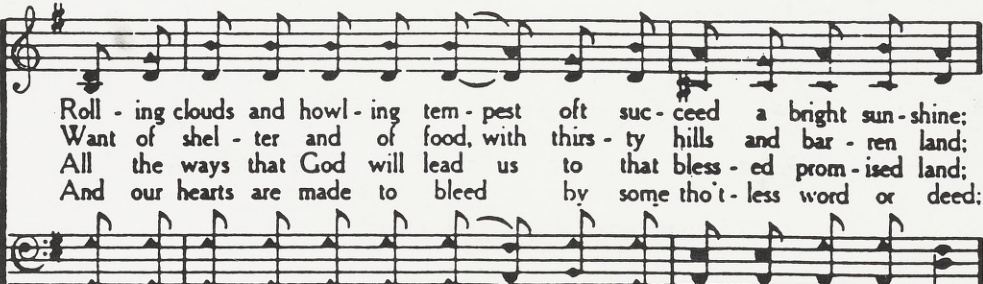


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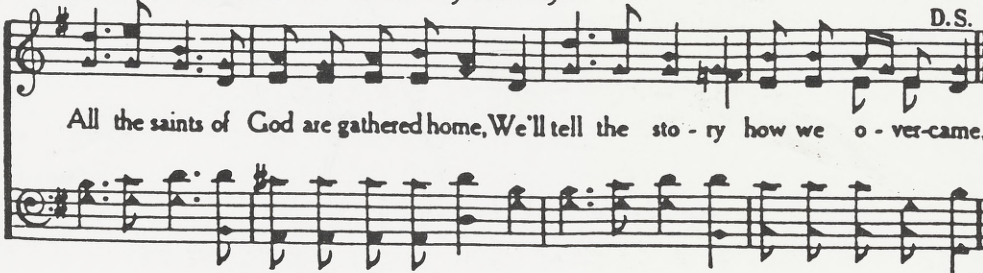


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